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TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Shannon Baxter, Ph.D.
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DATE: August 11, 2004

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING ON HYDROGEN HIGHWAY BLUEPRINT PLAN -
IMPLEMENTATION TOPIC TEAM FOR CODES & STANDARDS AND
INSURANCE & LIABILITY

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) staff, in partnership with industry representatives and stakeholders, will conduct a public hearing on August 31st, 2004, to obtain public comment on the Implementation Team component of the Hydrogen Highway Blueprint Plan.

The August 31st public hearing will be to report the progress of the Implementation Topic Team's work and solicit input from the public and key permitting officials on issues within the Team's scope of work. Implementation Topic Team members will report on progress made in the collection of existing codes and standards regulating hydrogen use in California; the group's identification of gaps, areas of overlap, or insufficiencies within the existing body of codes and standards; the potential recommendations to the State to resolve inadequacies in existing codes, standards, and permitting processes; issues pertaining to securing insurance for hydrogen facilities; and accepted methods of risk assessment and management.

Time has been allocated for public comment specific to this Topic Team's work as well as for general comments pertaining to the California Hydrogen Highway Network.

An evening session has been scheduled for those who are unable to attend the daytime session. This will be the only evening session available in Northern California for public comments to be offered. Therefore, those that cannot attend any of the Topic Teams' daytime public comment sessions in Northern California are encouraged to attend this evening session.

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The meeting will be held at the following times and location, and will be webcast:

Meeting: Implementation Public Hearing
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA, 95812

The agenda and supporting documents for this hearing will be posted to the California Hydrogen Highways website: www.HydrogenHighway.ca.gov

The workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using our Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area.

Directions and transportation options to CalEPA may be found at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. For information on the Hydrogen Highway initiative, or Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order, please visit www.HydrogenHighway.ca.gov. This website will be updated regularly with information applicable to this, and other Topic Team public meetings, including webcast information. If you wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on the Hydrogen Highway Blueprint Plan, please join the list serve at: <http://www.hydrogenhighway.ca.gov/sub2hwy.html>.

If you have any questions about the Implementation Team meeting, please contact Mr. Rick Margolin via email at rmargolin@EnergyIndependenceNow.org, or by phone at 805-961-1789.

The schedule for all of the Topic Team public meetings is as follows:

Topic Team	Date	Location	Contact
Public Education	August 12, 2004	South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California	Melissa Meuser (916) 327-2950
Societal Benefits	August 13, 2004	South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California	Eileen Tutt (916) 445-8897
Economy Team	September 14, 2004	South Coast Air Quality Management District, Diamond Bar, California	Fereidun Feizollahi (916) 323-1509
Blueprint & Timeline	October 7, 2004	Sacramento, California	Matt Miyasato (909) 396-3249 Eileen Tutt (916) 445-8897